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FROM USREP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: CHAIRMAN'S WEEKLY REPORT

1. ON 5 NOVEMBER THE AD HOC GROUP APPROVED THE
CHAIRMAN'S (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY) WEEKLY
REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 29 OCTOBER TO 4 NOVEMBER 1973
WITH ITS ATTACHMENT: "ANALYSIS OF EASTERN STATEMENTS
(VIENNA 9073).

2. BEGIN TEXT.

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 67 OF C-M(73) 83 (REVISED), THE
FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH
THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC GROUP, AS THE REPORT OF THE
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CHAIRMAN - FEDERAL REPUBLIK OF GERMANY - ON THE PROCEEDING OF

THE AD HOC GROUP FOR THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 1973.

2. THE WEEK WAS MARKED BY THE HOLDING OF THE FIRST PLENARY SESSIONS ON 30TH AND 31ST OCTOBER AND THE WORK OF THE GROUP WAS DEVIDED ACCORDINGLY.

3. DURING THE TWO MEETINGS HELD ON 29TH OCTOBER, THE OPENING STATEMENTS OF GERMANY, LUXEMBOURG, NORWAY AND THE UNITED STATES WERE FINALISED. THE GROUP AUTHORIZED THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO PROCEED TO THE DETERMINATION BY THE DRAWING OF LOTS OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING (THE UNITED KINGDOM IN THE EVENT). IT WAS AGREED THAT MATTERS CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF THE FIRST SESSION AND OF PRESS POLICY SHOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING A QUADRIPARTITE MEETING (BELGIUM, THE UNITED STATES, POLAND AND THE SOVIET UNION); THE RESULTS, REPORTED TO THE GROUP BY THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE LATER IN THE DAY, INCLUDED AGREEMENT ON THESE ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING THE INITIAL FREQUENCY OF PLENARIES (TWICE WEEKLY) AND THE POWERS OF THEIR CHAIRMEN.

4. CONSIDERATION WAS ALSO GIVEN TO THE DATA BASE. IT WAS DECIDED ON 31 OCTOBER THAT THE AGREED FIGURES RECEIVED FROM BRUSSELS COULD BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS UPON INQUIRY.

5. ON THE BASIS OF AN INITIAL ASSESSMENT BY THE GROUP OF EASTERN OPENING STATEMENTS AND OF PRESS MATERIAL AGREED IN THE GROUP, THE NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE, AS ALLIED PRESS SPOKESMAN, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON 31ST OCTOBER AT NOON IN THE PRESS CENTRE OF THE VIENNA HOFBURG.

6. SUBSEQUENT TO THE PLENARY SESSIONS OF 30TH AND 31ST OCTOBER, THE GROUP CONSIDERED IN DETAIL THE OPENING STATEMENTS MADE BY THE EASTERN PARTICIPANTS. ASSESSMENTS WERE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS. AN AGREED PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THESE STATEMENTS IS ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT.

7. IN PREPARATION OF THE PLENARIES OF THE FOLLOWING WEEK, STATEMENTS ON THEMES WERE REVIEWED AND, IN THE CASE OF THAT ON UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR THE FLANKS (THEME 2) FINALISED. IN THE LIGHT OF THE ASSESSMENT MADE OF THE SOVIET POSITION, CONFIDENTIAL

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IT WAS AGREED THAT FOR THE PRESENT, DELIVERING A SEPARATE STATEMENT ON TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS (THEME 3) WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE THE OTHER SIDE TO PURSUE THE ISSUE OF THE PARTICIPATION OF NEUTRAL STATES IN THE CONFERENCE.

8. WITH RESPECT TO INTERNAL POLICY ON INFORMING NON-PARTICIPATING NATIONS, THE CONSENSUS REACHED IN THE SENIOR POLITICAL COMMITTEE

WAS NOTED AND IT WAS AGREED ACCORDINGLY THAT IT WOULD BE UP TO THESE COUNTRIES TO SEEK INFORMATION INDIVIDUALLY AND THAT WHAT WAS PROVIDED WOULD RESEMBLE, IN CONTENT, THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION WHICH THE GROUP WOULD DECIDE FROM TIME TO TIME MIGHT BE GIVEN TO THE PRESS.

9. OTHER MATTERS DEALT WITH BY THE GROUP DURING THE WEEK INCLUDED THE USUAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON BILATERAL CONTACTS, A REVIEW OF MR. BREZHNEV'S SPEECH OF 26TH OCTOBER AND CONSIDERATION OF THE PROCEDURE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF ORAL REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL.

10. FINALLY, AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER, THE GROUP AGREED THAT IN VIEW OF THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE SEATING AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE IN THE RENNWEG BUILDING, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO DEMOLISH AN INTERNAL WALL.

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